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Baldwin Park, CA 91706
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Carson/Gardena ACC
216 W. Victoria St.
Gardena, CA 90248
(310) 523-9566

Castaic ACC
31044 N. Charlie Cyn.
Road
Castaic, CA 91384
(661) 257-3191

Downey ACC
11258 S. Garfield Ave.
Downey, CA 90242
(562) 940-6898

Lancaster ACC
5210 W. Avenue I
Lancaster, CA 93536
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38550 Sierra Highway
Palmdale, CA 93550
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TO: Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, Chair
Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas
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Supervisor Don Knabe
Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

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Director

**REPORT BACK ON PILOT PROGRAM WITH SPAY-4-LA TO PROVIDE
LOW-COST SPAY/NEUTER SERVICES IN HARD TO REACH AREAS OF
THE COUNTY FOR A MAXIMUM ONE-YEAR PERIOD (ITEM NO. 6,
AGENDA OF JULY 5, 2016)**

Background

On July 5, 2016, a motion by Supervisor Antonovich instructed the Director of Animal Care and Control to enter into an agreement with SPAY-4-LA to conduct a pilot program to provide low-cost spay/neuter services in hard-to-reach areas of the County for a maximum period of one year, at an amount not to exceed \$300,000 in County costs and report back to the Board quarterly during the contract term on the spay/neuter services being provided.

Accomplishments

The agreement was signed on July 28, 2016, and the pilot program went into operation effect on August 1, 2016. This enables the Department to provide two full months of data for evaluation.

SPAY-4-LA services are provided via a 33-foot-long mobile clinic that was deployed at a variety of locations in order to enhance convenience for the client and maximize participation in the program.

During the month of August, SPAY-4-LA performed a total of 133 sterilization surgeries, including 87 dogs and 46 cats.

During the month of September, SPAY-4-LA performed a total of 215 sterilization surgeries, including 131 dogs and 84 cats. This yields a two-month total of 348 animals sterilized, many of which would not have been altered, but for the presence of the clinic in the various communities.

Surgeries were performed at a variety of locations in the communities served by the Department, but residents who live in the unincorporated area or cities serviced by the Department are free to utilize the services of SPAY-4-LA at any location where they set up, including in the City of Los Angeles. This flexibility provides additional convenience for the client and promotes the goal of maximum participation. SPAY-4-LA does track client residence data to ensure that information needed to evaluate the effectiveness of the program is accurately captured.

During the first two months of this program, the mobile clinic has been deployed to the following County-specific locations:

- El Rancho Dominguez Park, 15116 South Atlantic Drive, Compton 90221
- Helen Keller Park, 12521 South Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles 90044
- Roosevelt Park, 1765 Nadeau Street, Los Angeles 90001
- El Monte Petco, 10663 East Valley Boulevard, El Monte 91731

The clinic was also available to the public at the following additional locations within the city of Los Angeles:

- Curren Price's District Office, 4301 South Central Avenue, Los Angeles 90011
- Gilbert Lindsay Recreation Center, 425 East 42nd Place, Los Angeles 90011
- Greater New Morning Church, 210 West Florence Avenue, Los Angeles 90003
- Manual Arts High School, 4131 South Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles 90037
- Ross Snyder Recreation Center, 1501 East 41st Street, Los Angeles 90011
- South LA Animal Shelter, 1850 West 60th Street, Los Angeles 90047
- South Park, 345 East 51st Street, Los Angeles 90011

Additional County-specific locations are planned, including in the Antelope Valley, Carson, and Athens Park (12603 South Broadway, Los Angeles 90061), beginning in November.

Contract costs incurred for SPAY-4-LA services provided during this two-month period total \$34,476 (\$13,353 in August and \$21,123 in September). However, the County

only pays *half* of these costs. According to the terms of the agreement, the above costs are divided equally between the County and the Coalition for Pets and Public Safety. The expenditures for the County total \$17,238.

This yields a net average cost of \$52.50 per sterilization surgery (half of the contracted \$117 for dogs and \$69 for cats). By comparison a conservative cost range of a sterilization surgery for a dog in Los Angeles County is between \$100 and \$400; and for a cat it is from \$50 to \$200 (depending on sex, size, and other factors). Even these costs need to be examined through the lens of the overall purpose of the agreement. Absent the presence of the mobile clinic in the various communities we are serving through this program, a high percentage of those animals would not have been sterilized. The benefits of this program extend beyond the prevention of unwanted offspring from 348 animals, and include the awareness that the high visibility of the mobile clinic in the community brings. It is that awareness that creates exponential returns.

Conclusion

While it is too soon to draw conclusions on the overall effectiveness of this program, the initial data does show a significant return on investment.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at (562) 728-4610.

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c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

July 5, 2016

On January 5, 2016, the Board of Supervisors directed the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control to enter into a pilot program with the Coalition for Pets & Public Safety to provide low cost spay/neuter services in hard-to-reach areas of the County for a maximum period of one year.

Thereafter, the Coalition for Pets & Public Safety recommended that the County contract directly with SPAY-4-LA, the agency it had intended to sub-contract with in order to provide these services. Due to the fact that the previous Board motion identified the Coalition for Pets & Public Safety as the contract agency, a new motion is necessary to authorize a contract with SPAY-4-LA for the same services.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control to enter into an agreement with SPAY-4-LA in order to conduct a pilot program to provide low cost spay/neuter services in hard-to-reach areas of the County for a maximum one year period, at an amount not to exceed \$300,000 in County costs and to report back quarterly during the contract term on the spay/neuter services being provided.

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Accomplishments

The agreement was signed on July 28, 2016, and the pilot program went into operation effect on August 1, 2016. This is the Department's second quarterly report with data for evaluation.

SPAY-4-LA services are provided via a 33-foot-long mobile clinic that is deployed at a variety of locations in order to enhance convenience for customers and maximize participation in the program.

During the month of October, SPAY-4-LA performed a total of 306 sterilization surgeries, including 152 dogs and 154 cats.

During the month of November, SPAY-4-LA performed a total of 211 sterilization surgeries, including 108 dogs and 103 cats.

During the month of December, SPAY-4-LA performed a total of 223 sterilization surgeries, including 130 dogs and 93 cats. This yields a quarterly total of 740 animals sterilized, many of which would not have been altered, but for the presence of the clinic in the various communities.

These numbers represent a significant increase of over 41 percent per month from the 348 surgeries performed during the first two months of the program.

Surgeries were performed at a variety of locations in the communities served by the Department, but residents who live in the unincorporated area or cities serviced by the Department are free to utilize the services of SPAY-4-LA at any location where they set up, including in the City of Los Angeles. This flexibility provides additional convenience for the customer and promotes the goal of maximum participation. SPAY-4-LA does track customer residence data to ensure that information needed to evaluate the effectiveness of the program is accurately captured.

During this quarter, the mobile clinic has been deployed to the following County-specific locations:

- PetCo El Monte; 10633 East Valley Boulevard, El Monte, 91731
- Clara Street Park; 4835 Clara Street, Cudahy, 90201
- Roosevelt Park; 1765 Nadeau Street, Los Angeles, 90001
- Athens Park; 12603 South Broadway Los Angeles, 90061
- Superior Grocers; 7316 Compton Avenue, Los Angeles, 90001
- East Rancho Dominguez Park; 15116 Atlantic Avenue Compton, 90221
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Contract costs incurred for SPAY-4-LA services provided during this quarter total \$69,780 (\$28,410 in October, \$19,743 in November, and \$21,627 in December). However, the County only pays *half* of these costs. Per the terms of the agreement, the above costs are divided equally between the County and the Coalition for Pets and Public Safety. The expenditures for the County total \$34,890.

This yields a net average cost of \$47.15 per sterilization surgery (half of the contracted \$117 for dogs and \$69 for cats). By comparison a conservative cost range of a sterilization surgery for a dog in Los Angeles County is between \$100 and \$400; and for a cat it is from \$50 to \$200 (depending on sex, size, and other factors).

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Conclusion

The full return on investment will only be visible years after the termination of the program, with lower numbers of unwanted animals and the reduction of associated costs. But even the currently available data shows a positive immediate impact on the community and a substantial return on investment. The increase in numbers of realized in this second quarter also indicates greater community awareness and interest in this cost-saving and life-saving endeavor.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Mr. Harold Holmes at (562) 256-1362.

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